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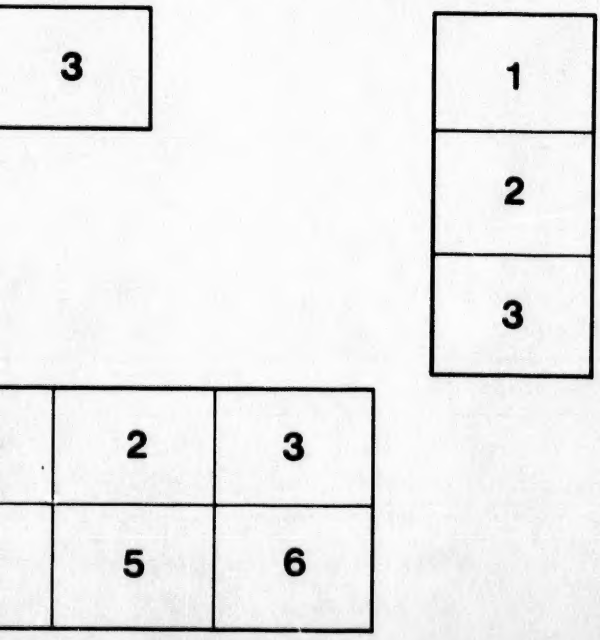

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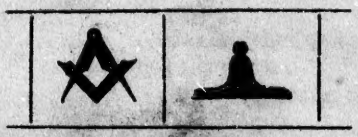

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By-Laws.

1. The Regular Meetings of this Lodge shall be on the first Tuesday in every month, in the Masonic Hall, Government street, Victoria, Vancouver Island, at such hours as shall, from time to time, be thought most convenient.

2. The Masonic Year shall commence with the Regular Meeting in January.

3. The Annual Subscription shall be Twelve Dollars, payable quarterly in advance.

4. The Initiation Fee shall be Seventy-Five Dollars for the three Degrees, payable as follows, viz:

1st Degree.....	$30
2d Degree.....	25
3d Degree.....	20

including the Grand Lodge and Regular Fees. Any applicant for affiliation to this Lodge, who is only an Entered Apprentice or Fellow

Craft, and having been regularly admitted by Ballot, shall have the privilege of taking the Superior Degree at the above mentioned rates for each Degree; but the Degrees must be conferred in strict conformity with the Book of Constitutions.

5. The Affiliation Fee shall be Five Dollars including registering, except in the case of Brethren not already registered in the Grand Lodge of British Columbia, who shall be charged the additional Fee payable for Registration to the Grand Lodge.

6. All petitions for Initiation or Affiliation must be signed by the Petitioner, and be recommended by two members of the Lodge. Every such petition shall be referred to a Committee of Three, whose duty it shall be to report at the next stated meeting (unless further time be granted), when the applicant may be balloted for, and received or rejected, or the ballot may be postponed until the ensuing stated meeting, as the Lodge may determine. The petition must give the Christian and Surname of the Candidate, his age, profession, and place of abode, that these particulars may be correctly recorded, and mentioned in the next summons.

7. All petitions for Initiation shall be accompanied with a deposit of the sum of Ten

Dollars, to be placed in the hands of the Secretary. If the Candidate be not elected, the deposit shall be returned; but if the candidate be elected and does not present himself for Initiation within three months after his election, (unless sufficient cause be shown for his non-attendance), the election shall become void, and the deposit money shall be forfeited to the general fund of the Lodge. Candidates who have been rejected in this, or any Lodge in this Province, shall not be eligible for membership in this Lodge until the term of six months shall have elapsed from the date of such rejection; and after six months shall have elapsed should the applicant be one who was formerly rejected in one of the other Lodges, notice of his application shall be sent to that Lodge.

8. At the ballot for admitting a Brother to join the Lodge, his Grand Lodge Certificate must be produced, together with the Certificate of his former Lodge, of all his dues being paid up. No Brother for Affiliation shall be eligible until he shall have visited the Lodge.

9. All Fees shall be due on the night the ceremony takes place, and paid to the Secretary before conferring the Degrees, and all Fees for affiliation members on the night the ballot is taken. In all ballots for Candidates for

Initiation one black ball, and for Affiliation three black balls, shall exclude.

10. All dues and fees received by the Secretary, except those which are ordered by the Book of Constitutions to be deposited in the hands of the Master, shall be handed to the Treasurer within twenty-four hours after receipt thereof.

11. When a Candidate for Initiation or Affiliation is rejected, or a Brother reprimanded, suspended, or excluded: no Member or visitor shall reveal either directly or indirectly to such person, or any person, any transactions which may have taken place on the subject, nor shall any proceedings of the Lodge not proper to be made public, be disclosed outside thereof, under the penalty of reprimand or suspension, as the Lodge may determine.

12. Every Brother desirous of retiring from the Lodge, shall give a written notice to that effect before the expiration of the Masonic Quarter; otherwise he shall be charged with the subscription of the succeeding Quarter.

13. All subscriptions and fees being payable in advance, are therefore arrears if not so paid, and shall be treated accordingly, at the end of each quarter, when notice shall be given to every member in arrear; and if not paid

within one month, the offending members shall be reported to the Lodge by the Secretary, and shall be liable by vote of the Lodge to have their names struck off from the list of members, and returned to the Grand Lodge as defaulters.

No member in arrear at the close of the Masonic year shall be allowed to speak or vote in the Lodge.

14. That Brethren of the Army and Navy, not having a permanent residence in British Columbia, and who have become members of this Lodge shall pay an annual subscription of Six Dollars, payable half-yearly in advance, in lieu of Twelve Dollars as per clause 3.

15. That no Brother shall be admitted an Honorary Member of the Lodge except under a proposition to be decided by ballot, as specified in the Articles for the admission of Candidates; but such Honorary Member cannot vote on any occasion unless specially conferred by a vote of the Lodge, in a Regular Meeting, previous notice of intention to confer the right, and the name, residence, and occupation of the Brother, in whose case the vote is to be had, having been first stated in the usual Summons.

16. That the Master be empowered to convene a Lodge upon any urgent occasion.

17. The Treasurer shall keep an exact account of all monies received and paid on account of the Lodge, the account to be audited annually, and the balance appearing to be due to the Lodge shall be paid over to the newly elected Treasurer, as soon as his investiture shall take place.

All monies received by the Treasurer on account of the Lodge over Thirty Dollars, shall be paid by him into such chartered Bank as the Lodge may direct, within forty-eight hours after receipt thereof.

No monies shall be drawn from the Bank without the cheque being signed by the Treasurer, and countersigned by the Worshipful Master, or in his absence by one of the Wardens.

18. The Cash, arrears of contribution, furniture and other appendages belonging to this Lodge shall be, and the same, by the consent of all the Members, are hereby vested in, and shall be deemed the property of the Master and Wardens for the time being in trust for the use and benefit of the Lodge, and to be paid, applied and disposed of as the majority of the members shall from time to time in due form direct; and an Inventory of the Jewels, Furniture, &c., &c., belonging to the Lodge, shall be entered in the Minute Book, and a

copy of the same delivered to the Master at his Installation, who shall see that the same is correct, and then pass them over to the Treasurer, who shall be responsible to him for their safe keeping.

19. That a Committee consisting of the immediate Past Master and the two Wardens, shall audit the Treasurer's accounts between the period of election and installation of the Master, or at such other time as the Lodge may determine, and shall superintend the finances and property of the Lodge; a written report of their proceedings, with a clear and ample statement of the funds of the Lodge shall be laid before the next meeting of the members. The Finance Committee alone is empowered to order any expenditure for the working of the Lodge, the accounts for which shall be laid before the Lodge at the next Regular Meeting.

20. It is the duty of the Secretary to record the Minutes, assist the Worshipful Master and Permanent Committee in examining the Treasurer's and other accounts, to issue the summonses for all meetings, whether of emergency or regular Lodge nights. The Secretary shall receive such compensation as the Lodge may direct.

21. The Tyler shall deliver the summonses without delay, immediately he receives them.

He is to have the Lodge Room ready by the time specified, to attend regularly, and to be careful that the Furniture and Jewels are clean and in good order.

22. The Worshipful Master and the Two Wardens shall constitute the Board of Relief, and shall have power to relieve any sick or distressed Brother, being a member in good standing, to the extent of Ten Dollars per week, or temporary relief to the widow and orphans of any Brother as aforesaid, not exceeding One Hundred Dollars; but that no relief shall be afforded to any Brother whose illness was caused by his immoral conduct. In case of an application for relief from any other than a member of the Lodge, the amount shall be limited to the sum of Seven Dollars, In case of the decease of any Master Mason as aforesaid, the Board of Relief shall have the power to draw on the Treasurer to the extent of Seventy-Five Dollars, in order to bury him with all honors due to a Mason.

23. No new Law or repeal of an old one, shall become valid until it shall have received the sanction of a two-third vote of the Lodge at two successive Meetings.

24. That when any question shall have been determined by the Lodge, and confirmed, the same shall not again be agitated within six

months, unless two-thirds of the subscribing members sign a request in writing for that purpose.

25. That a Lodge of Instruction may be held under the sanction of this Lodge, for the improvement of its members.

26. The election of Worshipful Master, Two Wardens, Treasurer and Tyler shall take place at the Regular Meeting in December, and the installations of Worshipful Master and other elective officers at the Regular Meeting in January, when the Worshipful Master shall appoint the other officers. It shall also be the Annual Festival, the Banquet to be paid for on that occasion by the Brethren who partake of it, unless the Lodge shall otherwise direct.

27. That a copy of the By-Laws be fully transcribed in a proper Book, and signed by every member of the Lodge, as a pledge of his intention to keep and observe the same, and that a printed copy shall be delivered to him on taking his Third Degree. They shall also be read by the Secretary in open Lodge, at least once in every year.

28. That at the regular stated meetings or Lodges of emergency, all the business connected with the Lodge or affecting the general

interests of the Craft, and all ballots for Affiliation or Initiation, be carried on in the Third Degree.

Approved, Victoria, B. C., this Nineteenth day of August, A. L. 5873.

I. W. POWELL,
Grand Master.

ATTEST,
H. F. HEISTERMAN,
Grand Secretary.

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BURIAL SERVICE.

No Mason can be interred with the formalities of the Order, unless he shall have been raised to the Third Degree. Fellow Crafts and Entered Apprentices are not entitled to Masonic obsequies, nor can they join in processions on such occasions.

All Brethren in attendance at a funeral should be decently clothed in black, with crape upon the left arm, and with white gloves and aprons.

The Brethren having assembled at their Lodge Room, the Master opens the Lodge in the Third Degree of Masonry, and states the purpose for which it has been called together.

The service is then commenced as follows:

MASTER.—What man is he that liveth, and shall not see death? Shall he deliver his soul from the hand of the grave?

RESPONSE.—Man walketh in a vain shadow; he heapeth up riches and cannot tell who shall gather them.

MASTER.—When he dieth he shall carry nothing away; his glory shall not descend after him.

RESPONSE.—Naked came he into the World, and naked must he return.

MASTER.—The Lord gave, and the Lord hath taken away; blessed be the name of the Lord.

Solemn music may here be introduced, after which the Master, taking the SACRED ROLL *in his hand, says:*

Let us die the death of the righteous, and let our last end be like theirs.

RESPONSE.—God is our God forever and ever; He will be our guide even unto death.

The Master then records the name and age of the deceased upon the roll, and says:—

Almighty Father! Into thy hands we commend the soul of our beloved brother.

RESPONSE.—(Repeated thrice, giving the grand honors each time.)—The will of God is accomplished! So mote it be! Amen!

The Master then deposits the roll in the archives, and repeats the following prayer:

Most glorious God! Author of all good, and giver of all mercy! Pour down thy blessings upon us, we beseech Thee, and strengthen our solemn engagements with the ties of sincere affection! Endow us with fortitude and resignation in this our dark hour of sorrow, and grant that this afflicting dispensation from Thy hands may be sanctified in its results upon the hearts of those who now meet here to mourn! May the present instance of mortality remind us of our approaching fate and draw our attention towards thee, the only refuge in time of need; that, when the awful moment shall arrive at which we must quit this transitory scene, the enlivening prospect of Thy mercy may dispel the gloom of death,

and that, after our departure hence in peace and in Thy favor, we may be received into Thy everlasting kingdom, to enjoy the just reward of a virtuous and pious life. Amen!

RESPONSE.—So mote it be.

Solemn music may here again be introduced, during which a procession is formed. If the body be not in the Lodge-Room, the procession will move to the house of the deceased, and thence with his remains to the place of sepulture, in the following order:

The Tyler, with a drawn sword;
Stewards, with white Rods;
Musicians;
(if Masons; otherwise they will follow the Tyler;)
Master Masons;
Junior and Senior Deacons;
Secretary and Treasurer;
Junior and Senior Wardens;
Past Masters;
The Holy Writings;
on a cushion, covered with black cloth carried by the Oldest Member of the Lodge;
The Master;
The Reverend Clergy;

The	COFFIN.	Body.
with the insignia		placed thereon.
Pall Bearers;		Pall Bearers;

Mourners.

The Brethren should not leave their places during the procession. Upon arriving at the place of burial, the members of this Lodge will form a circle around the grave; the clergyman and officers of the Lodge will proceed to its head, and the mourners will be placed at the foot. The services will then be resumed by the Master as follows:

Once more, my Brethren, have we assembled to perform the last sad and solemn duties to the dead. The mournful notes which betoken the departure of a spirit from its earthly tabernacle have again alarmed our outer door, and another has been taken to swell the numbers in that unknown land whither our fathers have gone before us.

Our brother has reached the end of life. The brittle thread which bound him to earth has been severed; and the liberated spirit has winged its flight to the unknown world. The silver cord is loosed; the golden bowl is broken, the pitcher is broken at the fountain; and the wheel is broken at the cistern. The dust has returned to the earth, as it was, and the spirit has returned to God who gave it.

While we deplore the loss of our beloved Brother, and pay this fraternal tribute to his memory, let us not forget, my Brethren, that we, too, are mortal; that our bodies, now so strong and vigorous, must, ere long, like his become tenants of the narrow grave; and that our spirits, too, like his, must return to the God who spake them into existence. "Man

that is born of a woman is of few days, and full of trouble. He cometh forth as a flower, and is cut down; he fleeth also as a shadow, and continueth not." The Almighty FIAT has gone forth—"Dust thou art, and unto dust shalt thou return,"—and that we are all subject to the dread decree, the solemn cause of our present meeting, the daily observation of our lives, and the mournful mounds which indicate this population of the dead, furnish evidence not to be forgotten.

Seeing then, my Brethren, that life is so uncertain, and that all earthly pursuits are vain, let us no longer postpone the all-important concern of preparing for eternity; but let us embrace the present moment, while time and opportunity offer to provide against that great change when all the pomps and pleasures of this fleeting world will pall upon the sense, and the recollection of a virtuous and well-spent life will yield the only comfort and consolation. Thus we shall not be hurried, unprepared, into the presence of that all-wise and powerful Judge, to whom the secrets of all hearts are known; and on the great day of reckoning we shall be ready to give a good account of our stewardship while here on earth.

With becoming reverence, then, let us supplicate the Divine Grace, to ensure the favor of that Eternal Being whose goodness and power know no bounds; that, on the arrival of the momentous hour when the fading taper of

human life shall faintly glimmer in the socket of existence, our Faith may remove the dark shroud, draw aside the sable curtains of the tomb, and bid hope sustain and cheer the departing spirit.

This city of the dead, my Brethren, has an overwhelming emphasis in its solemn silence. It tells us of the gathering, within its embrace, of the parents' fondest hopes; of the disseverance of all earthly ties to the departed ones who gave us birth; of the darkness into which the bright prospects of the loving husband and the devoted wife have suddenly been engulphed; of the unavailing grief of the affectionate brother and tender sister; of the dread sleep of death which here envelops the subjects of many an early, many an instantaneous call into eternity, given in the midst of health, of gaiety, and of brighest hopes.

And our departed Brother, where is he? All that remains of him here on earth is now enclosed in that narrow coffin, a lifeless mass of clay. The deep, the agonizing sorrows of those to whom he was most near and dear—the scalding tears which have been shed upon his last earthly tenement—the manly and fraternal grief of his Brethren of the Mystic tie—are all by him unheeded. His every faculty has fled; the purple current which sustained his life has ceased to flow; the tongue, which was wont to give utterance to the emotions and feelings of the heart, performs no more its

functions; the eyes, which so lately reflected the movements of the intelligent principle within, are now closed in death;—unfitted to remain longer on earth, we lay him reverently beneath its surface.

A little, narrow spot, is all that he now can fill; the clod will hide him from our view, and the places which have known him here, will know him no more forever. We consign him to the grave—to the long sleep of death; and so profound will be that sleep that the giant tread of the earthquake even shall not disturb it. There will he slumber until the Arch-Angel's trump shall usher in that eventful morn, when, by our Supreme Grand Master's word, he will be raised to that blissful Lodge which no time can remove, and which, to those worthy of admission, will remain open during the boundless ages of eternity. In that Heavenly Sanctuary, the Mystic Light ununmingled with darkness, will reign unbroken and perpetual. There, amid the sunbeam smiles of immutable love, under the benignant bend of the All-seeing Eye, in that temple, not made with hands, eternal in the Heavens,—there, my Brethren, may Almighty God, of His infinite mercy, grant that we may all finally meet, to part no more.

The following invocations are then rehearsed by the Master, and responded to by the Brethren.

MASTER.—May we be true and faithful, and may we live and die in love!

RESPONSE.—So mote it be!

MASTER.—May we profess only that which is good, and may we always act in accordance with our profession!

RESPONSE.—So mote it be!

MASTER.—May the Lord bless us and prosper us, and may all our good intentions be crowned with success.

RESPONSE.—So mote it be!

MASTER.—Glory be to God in the highest! on earth peace, and good will toward men.

RESPONSE.—So mote it be, now, henceforth, and forever more. Amen!

The apron is then taken from the coffin and handed to the Master; the coffin is deposited in the grave; and the Master continues:—

This Lamb Skin, or white Apron, is an emblem of Innocence, and the peculiar badge of a Mason. It is more ancient than the Golden Fleece or Roman Eagle, and when worthily worn, more honorable than Star or Garter, or any other Order which earthly power can confer. This emblem I now deposit in the grave of our deceased Brother (DROPS IT IN THE GRAVE.) By this act we are reminded of the universal dominion of Death. The arm of Friendship cannot oppose the King of Terrors; the shield of Fraternal Love cannot protect his victim; nor can the charms of innocence

avert his fatal touch. All, all must die. This grave, that coffin, and this circle of mourning friends, remind us that we too are mortal, and that ere long our bodies also shall moulder into dust. How important then it is for us to know that our Redeemer liveth, and that he shall stand at the latter day upon the earth.

(Taking the sprig of Accacia in his hand)

This Evergreen, which once marked the temporary resting place of one illustrious in Masonic history, is an emblem of our enduring faith in the immortality of the soul. By it we are reminded that we have an immortal part within us, which shall survive the grave and which will never, never die. By it we are admonished that, though like our Brother, whose remains now lie before us, we too shall soon be clothed in the habiliments of death, and be deposited in the silent tomb, yet, through the loving goodness of our Supreme Grand Master, we may confidently hope that, like this evergreen, our souls will hereafter flourish in eternal spring.

The brethren here move in procession around the grave, each depositing in it a sprig of evergreen as he passes the head. The Secretary then drops his Roll upon the coffin; and public Grand Honors are given thrice, all repeating at each time;—

The will of God is accomplished! So mote it be! Amen!

The ceremony is then continued by the Master as follows:

From time immemorial it has been the custom among the Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons, at the request of a Brother to accompany his remains to the place of interment and there to deposit them with the usual formalities of the Order.

In conformity to this usage, and in accordance with the duty which we owe to our departed Brother, whose loss we now most deeply do deplore, we have assembled in the character of Masons to offer up to his memory before the world, the last sad tribute of our affection; thereby demonstrating the sincerity of our past esteem for him, and our steady attachment to the principles of our beloved Order.

The Great Creator having been pleased out of His infinite mercy to remove our Brother from the cares and troubles of this transitory life, thus severing another link in the fraternal chain by which we are bound together—let us, who survive him, be yet more strongly cemented by the ties of union, friendship and brotherly love; that, during the brief space allotted to us here, we may wisely and usefully employ our time, and, in the reciprocal intercourse of kind and friendly acts, mutually promote the welfare and happiness of each other.

Unto the grave we have consigned the body of our deceased Brother—earth to earth, ashes to ashes, dust to dust—there to remain until the last trump shall sound on the resurrection morn. We can trustfully leave him in the hands of a beneficent Being who has done all things well, who is glorious in his holiness, wondrous in his power, and boundless in his goodness; and it should only be our endeavor so to improve the solemn warning now before us, that on the great day of account, we too may be found worthy to inherit the kingdom prepared for us from the foundation of the world.

To the bereaved relatives of him we mourn, who now stand heart-stricken by the heavy hand which has thus been laid upon them, we have but little of this world's consolation to present. We deeply, sincerely, and most affectionately sympathise with them in this afflicting dispensation; and we put up our most fervent prayers that "He who tempers the wind to the shorn lamb," will look down with compassion upon the widow and the fatherless, in this their hour of desolation, and will fold the benevolent arms of His love and protection around those who are thus bereft of their earthly stay.

The Master, or Chaplain, will then repeat the following prayer:

Almighty and Eternal God, — in whom we

live and move, and have our being, — and before whom all men must appear at the Judgment-day, to render an account of their deeds while in this life—we, who are daily exposed to the flying shafts of death, and who now surround the grave of one who has fallen in our midst, do most humbly beseech Thee to impress deeply on our minds the solemnities of this day, and to grant that their remembrance may be the means of turning our thoughts from the fleeting vanities of the present world to the lasting glories of the world to come. Let us continually be reminded of the frail tenure by which we hold our earthly existence; that in the midst of life we are in death; and that however UPRIGHT may have been our walk, and however SQUARE our conduct, we must all submit as victims of the great Destroyer, and endure the humbling LEVEL of the tomb. Grant us thy Divine assistance, O most merciful God, to redeem our misspent time; and in the discharge of the important duties which thou hast assigned us in the erection of our moral edifice, wilt Thou give us WISDOM to direct us, STRENGTH to support us, and the BEAUTY of holiness to adorn our labors, and render them acceptable in thy sight. And when our work on earth is done, and our bodies shall go down to mingle with their kindred dust, may our immortal souls, freed from their cumbrous clay, be received into Thy keeping, to rest forever in that spir-

itual house, not made with hands, eternal in the Heavens. Amen!

RESPONSE.—So mote it be!

BENEDICTION.—The Lord bless us and keep us—the Lord make his face to shine upon us, and be gracious unto us—the Lord lift upon us the light of his countenance, and give us peace.

RESPONSE.—Amen! So mote it be.

Thus the services end. The procession will then form and return to the Lodge-Room, and the Lodge will be closed in the customary manner.